

## **This Week in 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division History**

### **3-9 June**

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### **WWI**

**1918** By 5 June all of the Division units (except DIVARTY) were assembled in the Samer area of France. On 8 June orders were issued from the HQs 4<sup>th</sup> Division directing the various units of the Division to hold themselves in readiness to move.

### **WWII**

**1944 D-DAY 6 June** The Division (Task Force U for the Invasion of Normandy) originally departed the English ports on 3 June, but were forced to return to port due to poor weather conditions. They departed again on 5 June. The Task Force was comprised of over 22,000 personnel in 865 vessels. Their mission was to land on the section of Normandy coast designated as Utah Beach. H-Hour was 0630 on 6 June. The first wave ashore was Companies E & F, 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regimental Combat Team landing at 0635 on Red Beach, while Companies B & C of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inf were landing on Green Beach. Among them was the Assistant Division Commander, BG Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Due to winds, tide, the loss of pilot boats to mines, the first wave was landed almost a mile south of their intended beach head. BG Roosevelt quickly adjusted to the altered landing site and began directing traffic on the beach. Wave after wave of incoming units landed and started moving inland. German resistance was overcome and most of the first day objectives for the Division were accomplished. By 2300 on 6 June all of the Division's units were ashore.

### **Vietnam**

**1967** Operation Francis Marion continued with all Division units in a surveillance posture. This month marked the one year anniversary dates for some of the first units to be deployed and was marked by large numbers of personnel who would rotate back to CONUS. In fact some units were composed almost totally of new personnel and were not employed in areas where sizeable enemy contact might be expected until a measure of tactical and physical conditioning was obtained.

**1968** Operation Mathews continued during this week with the NVA units being driven back towards the border with Cambodia. On 4 June a convoy was ambushed on Hwy 14N by elements of the 4<sup>th</sup> Bn, 24<sup>th</sup> Regt (NVA). The convoy was relieved by 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn-1st Cav Regt who inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

**1969** The Division continued with Operation Dan Quyen-Hines. Intelligence reports indicated that there was an increase in NVA activity in the Ben Het area of Kontum

Province and in Pleiku Province. During the first week in June Dak To received daily attacks of 122mm rockets, 82mm mortars, and 57mm and 75mm recoilless rifles.

**1970** 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade continued Operation Putnam Paragon's search and clear operation north of Camp Radcliff. 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade continued Operation Wayne Hurdle which was search and clear operations in VC Valley (Base Area 202).

**OIF 1** The BCTS continued to find, secure and consolidate or destroy weapons caches found on a daily basis. Division Engineer units were working on repairs to electrical plants and water treatment plants. 3<sup>rd</sup> BCT began Operation Peninsula Strike on 9 June.

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